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## DISTRICT COURT OF HAWAII

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Mr. SHORTRIDGE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6860]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, (H. R. 6860), to authorize each of the judges of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii to hold sessions of the said court separately at the same time, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that it be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That subdivision (a) of section 86 of the Hawaiian organic act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 86. (a) That there shall be established in the said Territory a district court, to consist of two judges, who shall reside therein and be called district judges, and who shall each receive an annual salary of \$7,500. The two judges shall, from time to time, either by order or rules of the court, prescribe at what times and in what classes of cases each of them shall preside. The two judges may each hold separately and at the same time a session of the court (whether at the same or different terms of court; regular or special) and may preside alone over such session. The said two judges shall have the same powers in all matters coming before the court; and in case two sessions of the court are held at the same time, the judgments, orders, verdicts, and all proceedings of a session of the court, held by either of the judges shall be as effective as if one session only were being held at a time."

The purpose, and the only purpose, of this bill as it passed the House and as it has been amended by the Committee on the Judiciary is to enable the judges of the District Court for the Territory of Hawaii to sit in two divisions and so dispose of the business of the court more expeditiously. The judges of that court have always held the opinion that, although the present law allows one judge to hold a session of court, it does not allow the holding of two sessions simultaneously. The Department of Justice, the judges of the court, and the legal profession of the Territory recommend the passage of a measure for this purpose.

The bill as it passed the House was amended by the committee simply because it is believed that it is preferable to amend and reenact the present law than to pass an independent and detached measure.

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